GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Pending Projects
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to wind up the long pending projects on priority basis;

(b) if so, whether the Railways has already sent instructions to zonal railways and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has a plan to spend Rs. 1.31 lakh crore for capacity expansion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): None of the Railway projects sanctioned in Railway Budget has been wound up nor there is any plan to do so. Major cause of delay in completion of projects is insufficient Gross Budgetary Support allotted to those Projects in the past leading to cost overrun. Apart from that, there are other contributing factors for the delay caused viz. delay in acquisition of land, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, cutting of trees, construction of road over bridges and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies etc. Several of these clearances and assistance from other departments are beyond the control of Railways. To facilitate completion of these long pending projects, Ministry of Railways is persuading the State Governments to provide land free of cost and/or to share cost for construction of these projects. Indian Railways is working on the alternative means of funding to accelerate project execution as detailed below:-

(i) Arranging additional funds by way of loan from LIC for funding throughput enhancement projects,

(ii) Requesting State Government for cost sharing alongwith provision of free land and other concessions,

(iii) Approaching all State Governments to form Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) to undertake mutually identified rail infrastructure projects through Joint Venture,

(iv) Encouraging PPP (Public Private Partnership),

(c) & (d): A plan size of `1,31,000 crore has been kept for Railways in 2017-18. Details of the projects are available in Pink Book laid on the Table of the House alongwith Budget papers.

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